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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL (GENDARMERIE NACIONAL),
AVIATION OPERATIONS

REF: AUDIT REPORT 77-93 DATED MARCH 23, 1977

1. IN TDY TRIP REPORT COVERING RUDY HALL'S NOVEMBER 15-30, 1977 SURVEY OF GENDARMERIE NACIONAL AVIATION OPERATIONS, HALL CONCLUDES THAT TWO U.S. GRANTED CESSNA 206 AIRCRAFT ARE UNDER UTILIZED BUT NOT FOR REASONS STATED IN REFERENCED AUDIT REPORT. HALL BELIEVES AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION IS LIMITED ONLY BY THE MONTHLY 20 FLYING HOURS PER AIRCRAFT LIMITATION IMPOSED BY THE GENDARMERIE DUE TO BUDGET PROBLEMS, AND THE SHORT RANGE OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH PREVENTS SATISFACTORY MISSIONS TO DISTANT AREAS WHERE RUNWAYS AND REFUELING POSSIBILITIES ARE LIMITED. HALL
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RECOMMENDS THAT UNLIQUIDATED BALANCE OF DOLS 24,291 MENTIONED PAGE 6 OF REFERENCED AUDIT REPORT BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS TO EXTEND RANGE OF TWO CESSNA 206 AIRCRAFT AND ADDITIONAL SPARE PARTS AND/OR TOOLS. COPY OF HALL'S REPORT BEING POUCHED. THIS EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY S/NM.

2. UNDERSTAND UNLIQUIDATED FUNDS IN AMOUNT DOLS 24,291 AVAILABLE FROM FUNDS ALLOTTED TO PROAG 75.1. REQUEST MISSION/CONTROLLER CONFIRM FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE AND, IF FUNDS AVAILABLE, AMEND PROAG TO EXTEND FINAL CONTRIBUTION DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 1978.

3. HALL RECOMMENDS 50 GALLON DOUBLE-WALL AUXILIARY FUEL SYSTEM KIT FOR INSTALLATION IN AFT CABIN AREA OF CESSNA 206. THIS KIT AVAILABLE FROM FLOAIR, INC., OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR DOLS 8,100 EACH AIRCRAFT. KIT CONSISTS OF ALL NECESSARY COMPONENT PARTS, INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DRAWINGS FOR INSTALLATION BY GENDARMERIE IN ARGENTINA. (WHEN INSTALLED, U.S. FAA RESTRICTIONS PRECLUDE CARRYING OF PASSENGERS. HOWEVER, SYSTEM IS QUICKLY REMOVABLE.)

4. ALTERNATE 28 GALLON AUXILIARY FUEL SYSTEM KIT FOR ;NSTALLATION ON WING TIPS AVAILABLE FROM FLINT AERO, OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA FOR DOLS 2,300 EACH AIRCRAFT. KIT CONSISTS OF AIRFOIL WING TIP TANKS (WHICH EXTEND WING SPAN OF AIRCRAFT BY 18 INCHES EACH TIP), AND ALL NECESSARY COMPONENT PARTS FOR INSTALLATION BY GENDARMERIE IN ARGENTINA.

5. MISSION REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHICH OF ABOVE AUXILIARY FUEL SYSTEMS IS DESIRED. IF CABIN MOUNTED 50 GALLON KIT UNCLASSIFIED

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SELECTED, DOLS 4,350 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPARE PARTS AND/OR TOOLS. IF WING TIP MOUNTED 28 GALLON KIT SELECTED, DOLS 15,950 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPARE PARTS AND OR TOOLS. MISSION REQUESTED TO PROVIDE LIST SPARE PARTS AND/OR TOOLS DESIRED COMPATIBLE WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE.

6. UPON RECEIPT ADVICE THAT PROAG AMENDMENT IS SIGNED, S/NM/TSD WILL ISSUE PIO/C FOR PROCUREMENT ITEMS SPECIFIED BY MISSION. VANCE

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